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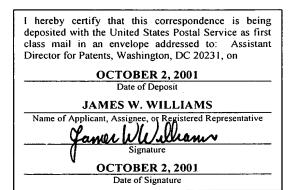
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- (1) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No.
 (A) 09-200508 (OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO LTD), published
 July 31, 1997; and
- (2) "Registration of multi-focus images covering rotation and first reconstruction of arbitrarily focused image by using filters" written by Akira KUBOTA and Kiyoharu AIZAWA, Technical Report of IEICE, IE99-25 (1999-07), pages 1-8, with partial English translation, pages 1-8.

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